

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

November 8, 2021

Attendees: Veronica Kelley, Fr. Dwight Lewis, Diana Graff, Bob Ramirez, Karena Belin, Nancy Koch, Ingrid Spencer, Raquel Valdez, Pat Allfrey, Lloyd Sandell, Denise Caughell, Gabby Huarte, Deacon Henry Miner

Opening Prayer: Raquel Valdez

Minutes: All Members present approved the October 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Study Time: Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century: Chapter 9 – The view from the pews

The Council members discussed items from the study book and noted that a survey of Asian and Latino groups shows that they are looking for a welcoming spirit and a sense of belonging. Holy Trinity has a diverse community and many ministries. Fr. Dwight is looking to begin an Evangelization Committee to contact new families moving into our area, including providing training for these groups. A suggestion was made to have a place for the young children to meet during Mass for religious education. A problem, however, is to have sufficient adult supervision and insurance to cover any issues. Top priorities are evangelization and stewardship.

Technology Committee:

Lloyd Sandell

The website continues to be updated as necessary to promote the ongoing operations and events of our parish. We have updated the stewardship page to promote the 2021 stewardship of treasure campaign. More volunteers are being trained to do the livestreaming of the Mass with Jay Carlson taking the lead role. Rebuilding the Technology Committee is still a work in progress. Although Windows 11 has officially launched, this will not have an impact on us since almost all of our computers are more than 3 years old and therefore do not meet the upgrade requirements. Windows 10 is expected to be supported by Microsoft until 2025. We need to develop some long-range planning for future upgrades.

Faith Formation Committee:

Pat Allfrey

The Search group on Formed has started to meet. The Young Adult Ministry meets on Thursdays. The Committee is working on setting up retreats for men and women. 102 students are currently enrolled in Preschool through 8th grade. All students have their own books. The First Communion class is still working on the tapestry squares. Marylou is attending a 6-week series on a General Directory for Catechesis. A Safe Environment class for Spanish volunteers is being planned, possibly on-line. Two nuns from the Archdiocese will teach “A Faith Well Built” starting this Sunday from October through March. There was a Catechist blessing on

October 24th during the 9:45 a.m. Mass. The confirmation students helped pass out candy after the Children's Mass on October 31st.

Finance Council:

Veronica Kelley

There is no report since the Finance Council did not meet.

Liturgy Committee:

Veronica Kelley

We have begun to celebrate Masses for our children and teens on the last Sunday of the month alternating with the children at the 9:45 a.m. Mass and the teens at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. The children and teens are being mentored to take an active role in liturgical ministries to increase their participation.

Knights of Columbus:

Bob Ramirez

The Knights had a Tootsie Roll drive on Halloween. They raised \$2500.00 for Camp Stand-by-me. The Food drive raised 3800 lbs. of food on October 31 and \$5020.00. The Knights still support the women's and men's shelters by providing food during the month. They also coordinate with the Knights of Columbus group at St. Cecilia Parish on Bainbridge Island which has been distributing medical equipment to people in need. They will distribute donated coats for kids on November 19th. The Knights of Holy Trinity were given a reward for being the most active Council in the Diocese.

Discipleship Committee:

Nancy Koch

The Committee met on November 3rd. They watched a video from the Catholic Conference of Stewardship. They learned about good management tools for parishes and talked about how Holy Trinity Councils and Committees are doing. Karena and Raquel joined the Committee. The next meeting will be November 29th.

Latino Ministry:

Raquel Valdez

The Latino Ministry is planning the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They have received many donations. They are planning to have a Mariachi band. The Ministry meets every Sunday after the 4 pm. Mass. There may be a problem with language proficiency to get enough people to participate. Some Faith Formation classes are planned in Spanish, but they need enough people to attend these classes. The Feast of Epiphany is being planned for January 6th. They are exploring ideas about starting a youth ministry for the Spanish/Latino kids.

Old Business:

1. Update: Finishing of the Renovation Project - tabled
2. COVID-19 Concerns:
 - a. Update from the Archdiocese – tabled

New Business:

1. Priorities Pastoral Council wants to address this year: Council members are to think of projects it wants to address in 2022 for discussion at the January meeting.
2. Retreats and Missions
 - a. Parish Retreats
 - b. Consultative Bodies Retreat: Veronica suggested that a prayer-based retreat be held for the councils and committees next year with a separate retreat for the Holy Trinity staff.
3. Safety Issues – Active Shooter in Church
4. Finalize Future Meetings and Prayer Leader and Membership Lists

Closing Business:

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Monday, January 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer Leader: Karena Belin

Closing Prayer Leader: Bob Ramirez

Next Executive Committee Meeting is Tuesday, December 7, 2021 and January 4, 2022 (only Pastoral Council officers need attend).

Closing Prayer Leader: Diana Graff

Adjournment: All